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SUBJECT: TRANSGABON RAILROAD -- LOUIS BERGER INTERNATIONAL

REF: LIBREVILLE 410, APRIL 2

1. TIPPETTE-ABBETT-MCCARTHY-STRATTON (TAMS) ADVISES BERGER GORUP (INCLUDING SCET, DEUTSCHE EISENBAHN, ITALCONSULT) HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FOR USG SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISORY ENGINEER ROLE TRANSGABON RAILROAD. TAMS DISTURBED IN LIGHT OF LONG, COSTLY EFFORTS ITS GROUP (INCLUDING FRENCH PARTNERS BCEOM AND SOFRERAIL) HAS BEEN MAKING TO LAND CONTRACT FOR THIS JOB -- CONTINUALLY SINCE MEETING WITH GABON PRESIDENT BONGO LAST SUMMER, AS WELL AS EARLIER INVOLVEMENT GOING BACK TO 1960'S.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED VERIFY TAMS REPORT PARA 1 AND TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT ANY KNOWN DETAILS BERGER GROUP EFFORTS RE TRANSGABON PROJECT.

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3. FYI, STATE, COMMERCE AND EMBASSY LIBREVILLE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY SUPPORTING TAMS GROUP. BERGER HAS NEVER APPROACHED COMMERCE OR STATE REGARDING TRANSGABON. BERGER GROUP REP (LA ROCHE) DID CALL ON EMBASSY LIBREVILLE EARLY APRIL, HOWEVER, TO DESCRIBE PROPOSAL FOR THIS PROJECT(REFTEL).
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